

NBC BRIEFING

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PRAVDA ON ATOMIC POOL PROPOSAL

I. Pravda article (29 May) on Eisenhower atomic pool proposal: 15:

A. First public rejection ~~of~~ the President's proposal,

B. ~~close~~ ^{TO EARLIER} parallel of Soviet Aide-Memoire (27 April).

II. ^{BOTH} Pravda ~~article~~ and aide-memoire ^{SAY} argues that plan:

A. Provides for only small quantity atomic material under international control

B. ^{IS} A "new step on path of further intensifying atomic weapon race"

C. ^{BOTH} ~~Repeats and stresses consistent~~ Soviet line that outlawing atomic weapons must be first step to agreement on atomic energy.

III. Pravda ~~displays~~ ^E sensitivity to Eisenhower ~~plan to go ahead~~ on pool idea "without waiting" ~~for anyone.~~

A. ^{SAYS} ~~Accuses~~ US ~~of~~ preparing "international atomic energy cartel"

B. ^{SAYS} ~~Alleges~~ US "ruling circles" ^{WANT} ~~would like~~ control ^{ALL CAPITALIST} atomic

~~TOP SECRET~~
C. ~~At same time,~~ ^{HOWEVER} tone of article suggests Soviet fear

^{SOVIET}
that rejection will be propaganda loss:

1. Kremlin ~~propaganda~~ ^{ING} exploits universal fear atomic warfare.

2. Public rejection weakens ³ facade of Soviet reasonableness

IV. ~~Recent~~ ^g article probably timed coincide with end WPC

meeting Berlin, where a final resolution called for:

A. ~~Agreement among great powers~~ ^g end "experiments dangerous to humanity";

B. Prohibition use atomic weapons ⊗

V. WPC resolution, ~~gives~~ ^g recent Orbit ^{COMMENT ON} attention to the threat

^{THREAT, PLUS}
~~of atomic warfare, as well as~~ utilization of non-Communist

^{ALL}
support this field, indicates development of intensive Soviet

"peace front" campaign ~~for~~ ^g has as all weapons mass

destruction ⊗

A. ~~Campaign~~ ^g appears effort regain "peace initiative";

B. At same time, serves to obscure Kremlin's rejection of